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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its forty-ninth session, the Sub-Commission, in its decision 1997/113, decided not to adopt resolutions or decisions henceforth under its agenda item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII)" in respect of human rights situations which the Commission on Human Rights was considering under the public procedures for dealing with human rights violations.

2. In its resolution 2001/60, entitled "Work of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights", the Commission on Human Rights reiterated:

(a) Its decision that the Sub-Commission should not adopt country-specific resolutions and, in negotiating and adopting thematic resolutions, should refrain from including references to specific countries; and

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(b) That the Sub-Commission should continue to be able to debate country situations not being dealt with in the Commission, as well as urgent matters involving serious violations of human rights in any country, and that its discussions would be reflected in the summary records of its debates, which should continue to be forwarded to the Commission.

3. In order to assist the Sub-Commission, the Secretariat has prepared a list of the human rights situations currently under consideration by the Commission under public procedures for dealing with human rights violations (annex I) and a list of country situations currently being considered by the Commission under the agenda items entitled "Organization of the work of the session", "The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation" and "Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights" (annex II).

Annex I

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER PUBLIC PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

	Commission on Human Rights resolution or decision
Afghanistan	Resolution 2001/13
Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	Resolution 2001/12
Burundi	Resolution 2001/21
Cuba	Resolution 2001/16
Cyprus	Decision 2001/102
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution 2001/19
East Timor	Chairman's statement of 20 April 2001
Equatorial Guinea	Resolution 2001/22
Israel (under procedures relating to the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine and the occupied Syrian Golan)	Resolutions 2001/6, 2001/7, 2001/8, 2001/10
Islamic Republic of Iran	Resolution 2001/17
Iraq	Resolution 2001/14
Myanmar	Resolution 2001/15
Republic of Chechnya of the Russian Federation	Resolution 2001/24
Sierra Leone	Resolution 2001/20
Sudan	Resolution 2001/18

Annex II

COUNTRY SITUATIONS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THE AGENDA ITEMS ENTITLED "ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION", "THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION" AND "ADVISORY SERVICES AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS"

Agenda item: "Organization of the work of the session"

Colombia	Chairman's statement of 25 April 2001

Agenda item: "The right to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation"

Occupied Palestine	Resolution 2001/2
Western Sahara	Resolution 2001/1

Agenda item: "Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights"

Cambodia	Resolution 2001/82
Haiti	Chairman's statement of 25 April 2001
Somalia	Resolution 2001/81